Beautification of Railway Stations in H.P.

4404. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of work undertaken to improve and beautify various railway stations in Himachal Pradesh during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, due to its hilly scenes, to attract the tourists; and

(b) the details of improvement and beautification plans prepared, and cleared for railway stations in that State for the calendar year 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) Details of works undertaken to improve and beautify railway stations in Himachal Pradesh during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are as under :

(i) 1999-2000 :

S. No.	Station	Name of the Work
1.	Joginder Nagar	Provisions of AC sheets on passenger platform shelter Beautification work
2.	Noorpur	Beautification work
3.	Palampur	Beautification work

(ii) 2000-2001 :

S. No.	Station	Name of the Work
1.	Kandwal	Conversion of Kandwal station into crossing station
2.	Stations over Pathankot-Joginder Nagar section	Provision of steel benches on platform and waiting halls
3.	Palampur	Provision of computerised reservation and improvement in waiting hall

(iii) 2001-2002 :

S. No.	Station	Name of the Work
1.	Palampur	Provision of rail level platform no. 2 and 3
2.	Baijnath Paprola	Provision of rail level platform no. 2 and 3
3.	Samloti	Provision of approach road
4.	Nagarota	Improvement to existing station building and providing platform shelter
5.	Solan	Heavy face lifting of station including widening of its approach path. Platform and yard cleaned and beautified
6.	Kannoh	Platform and yard cleaned and beautified
7.	Dharampur	Platform and yard cleaned and beautified

(b) Details of improvement and beautification plan prepared for Railway Station in Himachal Pradesh and cleared for the calendar year 2001 are as under :

S. No.	Station	Name of the Work
1.	Palampur	Provision of rail level platform no. 2 & 3
2.	Baijnath Paprola	Provision of rail level platform no. 2 & 3
3.	Samloti	Provision of approach road
4.	Nagarota	Improvement to station building and providing platform shelter
	Shimla	Work costing Rs. 19.14 lakh for improvement and beautification of Shimla Railway Station

Also, around Rs. 11.00 lakh per annum are being spent for upkeep and maintenance of 18 stations in Kalka-Shimla section and one station in Sirhind-Bangal Dam section falling in Himachal Pradesh.